



## Hudson Moose

Officers and Ladies Auxiliary officers sat for their portrait this spring. Seated (l-r) are Senior Regent Peggy White, Junior Grand Regent Peggy Balestra, Junior Regent Patty Rutkey, Treasurer Judy Snyder, Recorder Donna Pelletier, Trustee Ray Heald and Trustee Bill Butts. Standing are Sergeant-at-Arms Bill Grossman, Governor Martin Hanlon, Junior Past Governor Bill Parman, Junior Governor Walter Beader, Treasurer Rich Akin, Secretary Emil (Lee) Pelletier, Inner Guard Joseph W. Cordato, Outer Guard Vincent Casiero, and Prelate James Bloomer.

B.J. Pendergast

## State of the Hudson report released

ALBANY—The Department of Environmental Conservation released the 1993 State of the Hudson Report detailing actions and events affecting the management of natural resources and environmental quality of the Hudson River estuary, announced DEC Acting Commissioner Langdon Marsh.

"The Hudson River is a dynamic, ever-changing ecosystem, and this report chronicles both the ecological changes and the actions of the river's neighbors and government stewards," said Mr. Marsh.

Among the topics covered in the report are recent trends in fish populations, land use and management decisions, and changes in the recreational and commercial uses of the river.

Highlights from this year's report include:

- Young-of-the-year striped bass collected in the river in 1993 show a continued trend of increasing numbers of juveniles in recent years.

- Winter surveys conducted in December 1993 found 83 bald eagles and one golden eagle in southeastern New York.

- Field education programs open to the public are offered by the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve including opportunities for viewing bald eagles.

- Nearly 57 miles of Hudson River Greenway Trail were officially designated in 1993 by the state's Greenway Heritage Conservancy. Eventually, the trail is intended to extend from New York City to the Troy dam on both sides of the river.

- Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan have been adopted and approved by the Department of State for 12 Hudson Valley communities, with plans being prepared in 22 additional communities.

- The New York State Clean Vessels program received \$1 million from the federal government to construct 54 pumpout/dump stations at both public and private boating facilities and to conduct boater education programs.

- Grain and scrap iron were the principal cargoes exported out of the Port of Albany on ships plying the Hudson. Imports brought upriver in 1993 included cocoa beans, molasses, gypsum, twine, liquid fertilizer and

woodpulp, among others.

The Hudson River is one of New York State's outstanding natural resources. The river's lower half, stretching 150 miles from the Troy dam to the Battery in New York City, is an estuary, an arm of the sea where salt water mixes with fresh and tidal action occurs.

Nearly one half of all New Yorkers live within the 15 counties that border the river's shores.

The Hudson estuary, which includes the river's tidal wetlands and tributaries, contains important spawning and nursery grounds for many valued fish species such as striped bass, shad and sturgeon.

The Hudson harbors numerous endangered plant and animal species and serves as an important resting and feeding area for migratory birds, such as eagles, osprey, and waterfowl.

For more information or to receive a copy of the report contact: Frances F. Dunwell, Hudson River Estuary Management Program, NYSDEC Region 3, 21 South Putt Corners, New Paltz, 12561; (914) 255-8541.

## Kinderhook Recreation hosts summer events

KINDERHOOK—The Recreation Commission is winding up to play ball this summer—along with tennis, soccer, golf, swimming and running, among other activities.

Gretchen Dawes, who coordinates the ambitious, low-fee program, presented the schedule and registration form to the Town Board Monday.

The schedule is distributed through the Ichabod Crane School District.

Following is an overview of what is offered.

- Niverville playground: Grades K-8, begins July 5, \$5 fee.

- Tennis—Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Tots, Ladders. Ages 8 and up, various courts, fees, starting dates.

- Swimming lessons, Knickerbocker Lake, 3 years and up, various starting dates, \$15.

- Softball, girls senior—a traveling league this year, ages 14 to 17, starts mid-June, \$20.

- Basketball clinic, Martin Van Buren School, ages 10 and up, begins July 5, \$15.

- Soccer clinic, ICC campus, ages 8

and up, begins July 18, \$15.

- Kickball, ICC campus, grades k-2, begins July 5, \$15.

- Softball, girls—ICC campus, begins July 5, \$15.

- Golf—Beginner, Juniors, Intermediate, ICC lower soccer field, ages 9-12, 3-17, begins July 11, \$20.

For anyone of any age who wishes to get moving in the summer, a free fun run takes off from Kinderhook Village Square every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

The program's summer finale takes place August 12 at Knickerbocker Lake from 5 to 7 p.m. All are welcome, with their picnics.

For more information, call 758-9754.

Residents of surrounding towns who want to take part can also call the following numbers: Ghent 392-7513; Stockport 828-9389; Stuyvesant 758-6248; Village of Kinderhook 758-9882; Village of Valatie 758-9806.

In-person registration takes place Wednesday and Thursday, May 25 and 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ichabod Crane Middle School Library. — Debby Mayer

## Castleton scouts celebrate birthday

CASTLETON—The Castleton Boy Scout Troop 53 marks its 70th year with a birthday party at the South Schodack Firehouse Sunday, June 12 at noon.

The day includes a chicken barbeque at \$7 per person.

Any organizations who wish to participate in this recognition ceremony should call Scoutmaster Rick Herr, 477-7263, or Chairman David B. Harris, 732-7394.

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## Sand Lake plans Memorial parade

SAND LAKE—Lt. Perry Williams VFW Post #3025 of West Sand Lake and the West Sand Lake Fire Company and Ladies Auxiliary are sponsoring a Memorial Day parade and wreath laying ceremony Monday, May 30.

The parade forms at 9 a.m. on Werger Road and steps off at 9:30 a.m.

The route is west on Route 43, straight through the Four Corners,

left at Meeler Road, then north on Route 150 to the monument at the Four Corners Memorial Park.

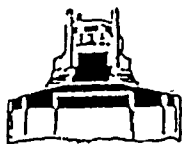
The memorial service begins at 10:15 a.m. and refreshments are served at the old firehouse.

The Averill Park High School provides the martial music.

To reserve a spot in the parade or for more information call James Mohan, 283-1067, or Tom Thomas, 674-3335.

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